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(54) Title: A TREATMENT COMPOSITION

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a dental treatment composition comprising a particulate erasing agent, the particles of the erasing agent being dimensioned to roll along a surface. The particles have an average maximum diameter of between 30 and 1000 microns and consist of a precipitate of calcium carbonate. As the particles are round, when applied 12 to a dental surface the particles roll along the surface picking up debris, stains, plaque, tartar or the like from the surface without damaging the dental surface. A method of treating teeth which employs a dental treatment composition of the invention is also disclosed.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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**Continuation of Box II.1**

Although claims 12-16 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.

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**Continuation of Box II.1**

Claims Nos.: -

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1.  Claims Nos.: —  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  

Although claims 12–16 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.
2.  Claims Nos.: —  
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:  

see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3.  Claims Nos.: —  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

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